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Promotion Policy for Army Officers
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints about the promotion policy especially the quantification based selection system as well as the existing practice to bifurcate promotion of Brigadiers and higher ranks into command and staff streams;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a committee to review promotion policy for army officers;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the composition of the committee and its terms of reference; and

(e) whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Government, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) Various issues relating to promotion policy in the Army have been raised from time to time.

(b) to (d): Keeping the above in view, the Government has constituted a Committee to examine and give their recommendations on the changes in Promotion Policy and the Quantified System of Selection (QSS) for officers of Indian Army.

The composition of the Committee is as under:-
(i) Lt Gen (Retd.) G.S. Katoch, AVSM, VSM.
(ii) Lt Gen (Retd.) A.K. Ahuja, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM**

The Terms of Reference of the Committee are as below:-
(i) To study and recommend appropriate amendments in the Quantified System of Selection (QSS) in order to infuse more objectivity, transparency and fairness in the system.
(ii) To study and recommend the change required in the Promotion policy presently followed in the Army. This will cover aspects like method for calculation of vacancies, Cut-off CRs required, Consideration of Special Review / Withdrawn and Deferred cases, Zone of consideration, Notional Empanelment etc.
(iii) To suggest the Model Calendar of Selection Boards.

(e) No, Madam.

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